

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

NO NEW MATTER HAS BEEN ADDED BY THIS AMENDMENT.

All multiple dependency in the claims has been removed.

Applicant has also provided an abstract in compliance with the rules.

Entry of the amendment and consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



James C. Wray, Reg. No. 22,693
Meera P. Narasimhan, Reg. No. 40,252
1493 Chain Bridge Road
Suite 300
McLean, Virginia 22101
Tel: (703) 442-4800
Fax: (703) 448-7397

December 27, 2004